

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A surface modified inorganic oxide powder, wherein an amount of residual volatile organic components is reduced to less than 30 ppm by a surface treatment,

wherein the surface treatment is carried out with the use of a diluted treating agent, wherein a long chain alkylsilane having more than 16 carbon atoms is dissolved together with an amine catalyst, and

wherein the volatile organic components on the powder surface are removed by applying an initial heat treatment at from higher than 200° C to lower than 400° C at the time of the surface treatment, and then a heat treatment at from higher than 150° C to lower than 400° C.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The surface modified inorganic oxide powder according to claim 4, wherein the surface treatment is carried out with the use of the treating agent obtained by diluting the long-chain alkylsilane from 2 to 6 times.

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The surface modified inorganic oxide powder according to claim [[1]] 4, wherein the amount of the residual volatile organic components is less than 10 ppm.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The surface modified inorganic oxide powder according to claim [[1]] 4, wherein the inorganic oxide powder is silica, titania, alumina, or composite oxide particles comprising one or more these oxides.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A polar resin composite obtained by mixing a urethane resin, an epoxy resin, an acrylic resin, an unsaturated polyester resin, a vinyl ester resin, or a silicone modified resin with the surface modified inorganic oxide powder according to claim [[1]] 4, wherein the content of the modified powder is less than 50% by weight.

Claim 12 (Original): The polar resin composite according to claim 11, wherein the composite is used as an adhesive or a sealant.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1 and 10 have been canceled. Claims 8, 9 and 11 have been amended to depend on Claim 4. The amendment is supported by the original claims.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. With entry thereof, Claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 will be pending in the application.